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A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act adding the subject of Iowa agriculture education to
- 2 the educational program standards established for school
- 3 districts and accredited nonpublic schools and including
- 4 effective date provisions.
- 5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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      Section 1. Section 256.11, subsections 3 and 4, Code 2011,
 2 are amended to read as follows:
          The following areas shall be taught in grades one through
 4 six: English-language arts, social studies, mathematics,
 5 science, health, age-appropriate and research-based human
 6 growth and development, physical education, traffic safety,
 7 music, and visual art. The health curriculum shall include the
 8 characteristics of communicable diseases including acquired
 9 immune deficiency syndrome. Unless offered in grades seven
10 and eight, the social studies curriculum shall include the
11 history of agriculture in Iowa and awareness of the global
12 and technological importance of agriculture and conservation.
13 Unless offered in grades seven and eight, the science
14 curriculum shall include environment and natural resources,
15 land stewardship, and biofuels and renewable energy.
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16 board as part of accreditation standards shall adopt curriculum
17 definitions for implementing the elementary program.
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          The following shall be taught in grades seven and
19 eight: English-language arts; social studies; mathematics;
20 science; health; age-appropriate and research-based human
21 growth and development; family, consumer, career, and
22 technology education; physical education; music; and visual
         The health curriculum shall include age-appropriate
24 and research-based information regarding the characteristics
25 of sexually transmitted diseases, including HPV and the
26 availability of a vaccine to prevent HPV, and acquired immune
27 deficiency syndrome. Unless offered in grades one through
28 six, the social studies curriculum shall include the history
29 of agriculture in Iowa and awareness of the global and
30 technological importance of agriculture and conservation.
31 Unless offered in grades one through six, the science
32 curriculum shall include environment and natural resources,
33 land stewardship, and biofuels and renewable energy.
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- 1 seven and eight. However, this subsection shall not apply
- 2 to the teaching of family, consumer, career, and technology
- 3 education in nonpublic schools. For purposes of this section,
- 4 "age-appropriate", "HPV", and "research-based" mean the same as
- 5 defined in section 279.50.
- 6 Sec. 2. STATE MANDATE FUNDING SPECIFIED. In accordance
- 7 with section 25B.2, subsection 3, the state cost of requiring
- 8 compliance with any state mandate included in this Act shall
- 9 be paid by a school district from state school foundation aid
- 10 received by the school district under section 257.16. This
- 11 specification of the payment of the state cost shall be deemed
- 12 to meet all of the state funding-related requirements of
- 13 section 25B.2, subsection 3, and no additional state funding
- 14 shall be necessary for the full implementation of this Act
- 15 by and enforcement of this Act against all affected school
- 16 districts.
- 17 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect July 1, 2013.
- 18 EXPLANATION
- 19 This bill provides that under the educational program each
- 20 school district and accredited nonpublic school is required
- 21 to offer in grades one through eight, the social studies
- 22 curriculum shall include the history of agriculture in Iowa
- 23 and awareness of the global and technological importance of
- 24 agriculture and conservation and the science curriculum shall
- 25 include environment and natural resources, land stewardship,
- 26 and biofuels and renewable energy.
- 27 The bill may include a state mandate as defined in Code
- 28 section 25B.3. The bill requires that the state cost of
- 29 any state mandate included in the bill be paid by a school
- 30 district from state school foundation aid received by the
- 31 school district under Code section 257.16. The specification
- 32 is deemed to constitute state compliance with any state mandate
- 33 funding-related requirements of Code section 25B.2. The
- 34 inclusion of this specification is intended to reinstate the
- 35 requirement of political subdivisions to comply with any state

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- 1 mandates included in the bill.
- 2 The bill takes effect July 1, 2013.